

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

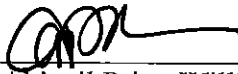
DATE: November 1, 2016


FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of NW/SW 17th Avenue
from NW North River Drive to
U.S. 1 as "Jose Fernandez
Avenue"; urging the City of
Miami to join in this
codesignation

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Chairman Jean Monestime, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and Senator Javier D. Souto.

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-1-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF
NW/SW 17TH AVENUE FROM NW NORTH RIVER DRIVE
TO U.S. 1 AS "JOSE FERNANDEZ AVENUE"; URGING THE
CITY OF MIAMI TO JOIN IN THIS CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez was born in Santa Clara, Cuba on July 31, 1992, where he
was raised by his mother, Maritza, and grandmother, Olga; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez made four valiant attempts to escape Cuba as a teenager
and, during one of those attempts, heroically dove into the waters of the Yucatan channel to save
his mother's life; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez successfully arrived in the United States on April 5, 2008;
and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez attended high school in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez was drafted by the Miami Marlins in the first round of the
2011 Major League Baseball Draft; and

WHEREAS, even at the age of 19, Jose Fernandez's pitching talents were readily
apparent, and he quickly rose through the ranks of the Miami Marlins' minor league baseball
system; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez started his first Major League Baseball game on April 7,
2013; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez provided a memorable rookie season that earned him a selection to the 2013 National League All-Star team and the 2013 National League Rookie of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Jose Fernandez's grandmother, Olga, had stayed in Cuba and would attempt to listen to Jose Fernandez's pitching performances by sitting on her roof with a radio and praying for clear skies to catch the transmission; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Jose Fernandez was reunited with his grandmother, whom he called the love of his life and his first baseball teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez was a 2-time All-Star, with a career record of 38 wins, 17 losses, 589 strikeouts, and a 2.58 earned run average in only 471 innings pitched; and

WHEREAS, no starting pitcher in Major League Baseball history has struck out batters at a greater rate than Jose Fernandez; and

WHEREAS, aside from his athletic prowess on the mound, Jose Fernandez gave back to his community through charities such as Live Like Bella and the Marlins Ayudan; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez also became a symbol for the Miami-Dade community because his life story was a story that had been heard and oftentimes lived out by so many Miami-Dade residents—a story of flight leading to freedom and sacrifice leading to success; and

WHEREAS, that story ended far too early when, on September 25, 2016, Jose Fernandez died in a tragic boating accident; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Jose Fernandez by codesignating NW/SW 17th Avenue between NW North River Drive and U.S. 1 as "Jose Fernandez Avenue"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of NW/SW 17th Avenue between NW North River Drive and U.S. 1 is a County-maintained road located in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 5,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Having considered this matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of NW 17th Avenue between NW/SW North River Drive and U.S. 1 as "Jose Fernandez Avenue."

Section 2. Urges the City of Miami to join in this codesignation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Miami City Commission, the City Manager of the City of Miami, the Traffic and Signals Division of the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the City of Miami Police Department, and the City of Miami Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Chairman Jean Monestime, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and Senator Javier D. Souto.

It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of November, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Michael B. Valdes